

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A complete list of all presently pending claims in the application is provided below, with suitable headings to show the status of each claim.

1. (Amended) A system for controlling a function of a medical device, said system including:

a microphone for receiving a verbal command from an operator;

a system control and ~~voice~~ speech recognition processor receiving said verbal command from said microphone, ~~and assigning~~ selecting a function, ~~and assigning~~ said function to an input console in response to said verbal command; and

an input console controlling said function assigned to said input console when activated by said operator.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 further including a medical imaging acquisition and display system for displaying medical images.

3. (Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein said system control and ~~voice~~ speech recognition processor is programmed to recognize a verbal command as a predetermined verbal command.

4. (Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein said system control and ~~voice~~ speech recognition processor is programmed to recognize a predetermined function.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said input console is a foot-input console.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said medical imaging device is an ultrasonic medical imaging device.

7. (Amended) A system for controlling a function of a medical device, said system including:

a microphone for receiving a verbal command from an operator;

a system control and ~~voice~~ speech recognition processor receiving said verbal command, selecting a function, and assigning a said function to an input console in response to said verbal command;

an input device initiating said function assigned to said input device when activated by said operator; and

a display for displaying the function assigned to said input device.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein said display displays medical images.

9. (Amended) The system of claim 7 wherein said system control and ~~voice~~ speech recognition processor is programmed to recognize a predetermined verbal command.

10. (Amended) The system of claim 7 wherein said system control and ~~voice~~ speech recognition processor is programmed to recognize a predetermined function.

11. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein said input device is a foot-input device.

12. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein said medical imaging device is an ultrasonic medical imaging device.

13. (Amended) A system for assigning a function of a medical device to an input device, said system including:

a system control and ~~voice~~ speech recognition processor receiving a verbal command from an operator, selecting a function, and assigning a said function to an input device in response to said verbal command.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13 further including a microphone for receiving said verbal command from said operator.

15. (Original) The system of claim 13 further including a medical imaging acquisition and display system for displaying medical images.

16. (Amended) The system of claim 13 wherein said system control and ~~voice~~ speech recognition processor is programmed to recognize a predetermined verbal command.

17. (Amended) The system of claim 13 wherein said system control and ~~voice~~ speech recognition processor is programmed to recognize a predetermined function.

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18. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein said input device is a foot-input device.

19. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein said medical imaging device is an ultrasonic medical imaging device.

20. (Amended) A method for controlling a function of a medical device, said method including the steps of:

receiving a verbal command from an operator;

selecting a function in response to said verbal command;

assigning said a function to an input console in response to said verbal command; and

controlling said function assigned to said input device in response to said verbal command when said input device is activated by an operator.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein said verbal command is received by said operator by a microphone.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein said input device is a foot-input device.

23. (Amended) A method for assigning a function of a medical device to an input device, said method including the steps of:

receiving a verbal command for ~~assigning~~ selecting a function;

receiving an additional verbal command for assigning an input device;

assigning said function to said input device in response to said verbal commands; and

controlling said function assigned to said input device in response to said verbal commands when said input device is activated by an operator.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein said verbal command is received by said operator by a microphone.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein said input device is a foot-input device.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE

Please amend the title as follows:

Remote Control of a Medical Device Using ~~Voice~~ Speech
Recognition and Foot Controls